1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
35	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
36	Pondicherry	46	128	133	230	91	88	23	145	147	175	197
37	Total (UTs)	96	194	169	285	131	151	57	170	175	197	253
38	Total (All India)	13622	16015	16082	16603	16415	17971	17164	18241	17131	17060	16632

SOURCE: National Crime Records Bureau, Ministry of Home Affairs

Innovative measures for agriculture

561. SHRI SABIR ALI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of innovative measures taken by his Ministry in the field of agriculture during the last three years;

(b) the plans for the future;

(c) the details of suggestions received from different quarters in this regard; and

(d) the action proposed to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) Department of Agriculture & Cooperation has launched the following schemes to increase the production and productivity in the field of agriculture during the last three years (i) National Food Security Mission; (ii) Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana; (iii) National Bamboo Mission; (iv) National Rainfed Area Authority; (v) Post Harvest Technology and Management and (vi) National Project on Management of Soil Health and Fertility. In addition to that the National Policy for Farmers has also been approved.

(b) These schemes will continue in the Eleventh Plan.

(c) and (d) Policy/schemes of Department of Agriculture & Cooperation are finalized after due consultation with stake holders.

Land for landless farmers

562. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Commission on Farmers has recommended for provision of one acre of land to every landless farmer;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has conducted any study on the number and conditions of landless farmers in the country;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof and the reaction of Government thereto; and

(e) the concrete measures taken by Government to improve the condition of such landless farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) National Commission on Farmers recommended provision of one acre of land per household wherever feasible. The National Policy for Farmers, 2007, which was approved by the

Government based on the recommendations of the National Commission on Farmers and after consultations with the Central Ministries and Departments and the States, provides for asset reforms to ensure that every farmer household in villages possesses and/or has access to productive assets like land, livestock, fish pond, homestead farm and/or income through an enterprise or market driven skills, so that the household income is increased substantially which, in turn, would ensure nutrition and livelihood security and their education and health requirements.

(c) to (e) As per the Agriculture Census 2000-01, the estimated number of landless operational holders cultivating "wholly leased-in" land and "wholly otherwise" operated land in the country was 6,60,991 (excluding the States of Bihar, Jharkhand and Meghalaya). Programmes for distribution of ceiling surplus land. Government wastelands and Bhoodan land to the eligible rural poor are being implemented by the States. As per information received from the States, 49.62 lakh acres of ceiling surplus land has been distributed to 55.17 lakh beneficiaries of whom 39% belong to the Scheduled Castes and 15% to the Scheduled Tribes. 153.22 lakh acres of Government wastelands and 16.67 lakh acres of Bhoodan land have been distributed to the eligible rural poor. In addition to the above, the National Policy for Farmers, 2007 also provides for a comprehensive national social security scheme covering farmers including landless agricultural workers. Various programmes launched by the Government in this regard include the Unorganized Workers' Social Security Act 2008, the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2006, Swaranjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana, Indira Awaas Yojana. Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana, Aam Aadmi Bima Vojana, National Old Age Pension Scheme, etc.

"Grameen Bhandaran Yojana" in Rajasthan

563. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount sanctioned and spent under "Grameen Bhandaran Yojana" in Rajasthan;

(b) the total storage capacity created, godowns set-up, under the scheme;

(c) whether the above capacity can be considered as adequate for Rajasthan which has the largest area in the country; and

(d) whether sanction of additional funds to Rajasthan, is in the offing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) This Ministry is implementing a Central Sector Scheme of "Grameen Bhandaran Yojana" *w.e.f.* 1st April, 2001 through National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development and National Cooperative Development Corporation. Under this scheme, an amount of Rs. 1051.55 lakh has been released as subsidy for the projects sanctioned in Rajasthan upto 31st December, 2008.

(b) 663 Rural Godown Projects with a capacity of 488136 MTs have been sanctioned in the State upto 31st December, 2008.

(c) and (d) The Central Sector Scheme of "Grameen Bhandaran Yojana" is a demand driven credit linked scheme. As per the guidelines of the Scheme, the entrepreneur is free to set up a